

## **District Three Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes September 15, 2008**

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm in Meeting Room A at Fresno City Hall.

The roll was called with the following members present:

Jim Tate Hill II (arrived at 5:41pm)  
Abraham Lopez  
Elliott Balch  
Marlin Keeling  
Margie Reisz  
Charles Dowling

Members Absent:

Crystal Jackson

Others present: Randy Cooper from PARCS Department, Jerry Haynes from PARCS Department, Andy Vanderford from Public Works Department, Jerry Freeman, Brian Dominguez from Redevelopment Agency (RDA), Steve Weil, Jeff Friday, Candice Hill, and Gregory A. Barfield, Staff to the Committee from the Office of Councilmember Sterling.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** by Balch and **Second** by Keeling to approve August 18, 2008 minutes.  
**Passes.**

### **Review of Projects:**

C-08-198                      322/ 324 East Belmont Avenue  
Remove item until future agenda.

C-08-3245 and V-3890  
Informational letter is only presented to the District Three Implementation Committee.

C-08-179                      2748 East Hamilton Avenue  
Vagabond Station skate park was presented by Randy Cooper and Jerry Haynes with PARCS Department and Andy Vanderford of Public Works Department, who is acting as the Project Manager on behalf of PARCS. The park will feature five vintage pools including a copy of Vagabond Pool which was preserved using digital filming of the historic Vagabond Pool, prior to its demolition. Set to complete late summer 2009. A Plexiglas fence would separate the park from adjacent commercial site. Questions focused on street improvements, security, and parking.

**REVIEW OF PROJECTS** (continued)

Pools selected through a web survey question on bus access, and will be available on Wi-Fi.  
Total cost by the City of Fresno is \$1.8 million.

**Motion** by Keeling and **Second** by Dowling to approve C-08-179.  
**Passes.**

A-08-06, R-08-12, S-08-39 Northwest corner of East Braly Avenue and South Sarah Street.  
Brian Dominguez and Steve Weil were present to answer questions about the retail and commercial side of the Vagabond Station project. Question if in the future, ABC license request may be made. Any future ABC license must come back to the committee.

**Motion** by Lopez and **Second** by Keeling to approve projects A-08-06, R-08-12, and S-08-39.  
**Passes.**

Fresno Merger One Redevelopment Plan Amendments and Extension  
Jerry Freeman of the RDA presented this proposal, a 10 year extension of the 1998 Merger One Plan area. The Merger One Plan includes the following project areas:

Public Information Meetings are set to review the proposed Merger Amendments on:

September 30- Fresno Buddhist Temple  
October 6- Yokomi Elementary School  
October 8- H.C.D.C.  
October 15- Planning Commission  
December 9- City Council

Have already spoken to the Chinatown Revitalization, Fulton/Lowell Planning Committee, Fresno County Library System, and several others.

Questions about why length of time, RDA specific plans vs. General Plan, development of infrastructure. Housing opportunities. Speed up RDA process, value of building permits, amount, and location of where RDA funds go. Financial benefit of merged areas vs. single project area. Without extension in 2014, half of all tax increment falls off.

Request to have presentation on investments by project area to the committee for the last 10 years or so. Also want a presentation on the RDA budget and its priorities, maybe starting with current year budget, preparing to have input on the new upcoming year budget.

**Motion** by Keeling and **Second** by Lopez to approve.  
**Passes** 5 to 1 with Balch opposed.

C-08-171

Committee's concern for cell towers at street level is to ensure the maintenance/ repairs vehicles, landscaping buffers, and fencing be required, as required by the City of Fresno planning standards.

Kindsapping/ barriers (slats) in fence.

**Motion** by Balch and **Second** by Reisz to approve project C-08-171.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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